

REMARKS

This response to the Office Action dated September 7, 2006 (the "Office Action") is filed with a Request for a Three-Month Extension of time. Authorization is given to charge the extension fees, and any other necessary fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0951.

At the time of the Office Action, claims 1-8 and 10 were pending. In the Office Action, the drawings are objected to under 37 C.F.R. §1.83(a) on the basis that the drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Claims 1-8 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement, and under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The rejections and the responses thereto are set out more fully below.

I. Specification

Applicant amends the specification herein to improve the syntax thereof, and to correct various informalities. A substitute specification, claims and abstract, reflecting the amendments made herein, are also submitted for the Examiner's convenience. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.125 (b), the substitute specification contains no new matter.

II. Drawings

Applicant submits herewith replacement drawing sheets that feature the suction means (500) in Figure 4. No new matter has been introduced. The attached set of replacement sheets includes all figures, namely Figures 1-4, and each sheet is labeled as a "Replacement Sheet" in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(d). This submission is believed to be fully responsive to the Examiner's request.

III. Claim Objections

Claims 1-10 were objected to for the informalities listed in the Office Action. Appropriate correction is made herein, and withdrawal of the objections is thus respectfully requested.

IV. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph

Claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Claims 1-10 were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to disclose best mode contemplated by the inventor.

In response, Applicant respectfully submits that the combination of the new clarifying drawings and the amendments to the application address these rejections such that the specification meets the enablement and best mode requirements. It is believed that the specification was previously unclear due to translation errors, and that correction of these errors ensures that the invention is now clearly enabled to one of ordinary skill in the art.

With regard to delineation of Applicant's preferred control module for orientating and the suction means, the orientating means is described in paragraphs [0042] to [0052]. The control means 300 includes the detection means 310, the position retention means 320, which is formed by the two pronged fork 330, and displacement means 311. The suction means may be any suitable suction means attached to the channel (C). Suction means are well known in the mechanical arts and the precise embodiment thereof is not believed necessary for recitation of the best mode. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections.

V. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Appropriate amendments have been made throughout the specification and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

IV. Conclusion

This submission is believed to be fully responsive to the Examiner's request. The application is believed to be in condition for immediate allowance. If any issues remain outstanding, Applicant invites the Examiner to call the undersigned if it is believed that a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of the application to an allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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